

reduced the overall project cost. Besides, Government has granted CD/CVD exemption on import of fuel (Naphtha/gas) for the plant for 5 years to soften the impact of the cost of generation and increase project viability. The benefits under Section 80-IA of Income Tax Act have also been made available to RGPPL.

(c) The Commercial operation of the power blocks shall commence on availability of R-LNG. In case 1.5 MMTPRA R-LNG, currently tied up by Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, is made available by 2nd week of June 2007, two power blocks (1480 MW) can be operated commercially from July '07 and August '07 respectively. The third power block (670 MW) is expected to be ready for Commercial operation by January, 2008 subject to availability of additional 0.6 MMTPA of R-LNG.

The Power tariff based on current price of R-LNG (Rs. 263/MMBTU) at burner tip) based on a USD rate of Rs. 42 is expected to be about Rs. 3.00 per kwh.

Rural Electrification Programme

3450. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's rural electrification programme aim to electrify all villages by the year 2010;

(b) the number of villages/rural habitation targeted to be electrified under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana for the year 2006-07 and the actual number of villages/rural habitation electrified, so far, State-wise; and

(c) the funds allocated for rural electrification projects during the year 2007-08 in comparison to 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Government of India in April, 2005 introduced "Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), a scheme of Rural Electricity Infrastructure and Household Electrification" with the aim of electrifying all the balance un-electrified villages (except remote villages to be covered by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy) by the year 2009.

(b) The Government set the target for electrification of 40,000 villages during 2006-07 under RGGVY against which the implementing agencies have reported electrification of 28,706 un-electrified villages. State-wise details on achievements in rural electrification are given in the enclosed statement. (See below).

(c) The Government has allocated capital subsidy of Rs. 3983 crore for the year 2007-08 in comparison to Rs. 3000 crore allocated during 2006-07 under RGGVY.

Statement

State-wise Achievements of Villages Electrified and Households electrified under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana during 2006-07.

Sl. No.	State	Villages Electrified	Total households covered including BPL	Of which BPL
1.	Bihar	8415	55	2724
2.	Karnataka	0	141720	107047
3.	Rajasthan	765	10514	9236
4.	Uttar Pradesh	16620	251973	251628
5.	Uttarakhand	798	22947	21539
6.	West Bengal	2108	33288	26572
7.	Gujarat	0	10373	10373
8.	Andhra Pradesh	0	226654	226654
TOTAL:		28706	697524	655773

Allocation of Power from Simhadri Thermal Power Station

3451. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC's 1000 MW Simhadri Thermal Power Station would supply power to all Southern States;